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Hockey coach buys team

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Minden RiverKings' inaugural season in the GMHL is officially over and so is its former ownership structure.

On February 16 head coach Brooks Robinson and Derrick Randles, the uncle of RiverKings back-up goaltender Robert Randles, purchased the team from multiple-team owners Bob Russell and Ken Girard. The purchase also saw the departure of RiverKings director of hockey operations, Dan Garneau.

The Randles are natives of Texas and Robinson says Derrick, his wife, Jennifer and their baby want to relocate in Minden.

Robinson was not willing to divulge the cost of the RiverKings but did say the team probably lost about \$30,000 this year which, he says, was expected.

There had been hope, however, that the season would last a little longer.

On February 26 the RiverKings travelled to Elliot Lake to face the Bobcats in the first round of the GMHL playoffs. After losing a close first game 4-2, the Bobcats dominated game two, winning 9-2

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Matt James/TIMES

Minden RiverKings forward Jeff Beall attempts to plead his case with a referee before being ejected in the third period for fighting on March 1, the RiverKings' final game of the playoffs and season. Losing to the Elliot Lake Bobcats in three straight games the RiverKings wrapped up their inaugural season in the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League.

Drug shop shut down

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Four Minden men were charged with drug trafficking after police raided a house on Bobcaygeon Road on February 26.

Members of the Haliburton OPP Crime Unit along with officers from the OPP's Central East Drug Enforcement Unit, armed with a search warrant, conducted the raid.

Det. Const. Tim Brown of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment said officers discovered approximately 1.5 pounds of processed marijuana, \$1,290 in Canadian cash, drug paraphernalia, digital scales and packaging materials inside the house.

"It was being delivered there and sold from there," Brown said, adding that no marijuana was being grown inside the home.

While police did find packaging materials, Brown said there was no evidence that the marijuana was being processed in the house.

The four men, ranging in age from 32 to 48 years, were charged with possession of marijuana for the purposes of trafficking, as was a 47-year-old Orangeville man who was also in the home.

Brown said a secondary search at a Cedar Lane residence in Orangeville uncovered a small amount of marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms and said the Minden men were working as a team with their Orangeville counterpart.

The men have been released, with a next court date on April 1. Drugs seized were valued at a \$5,000.

ON ICE

Julia Fedeski says her PeeWee Storm team can be provincial champs. Feature page 20.

IN BRIEF

All artists or community groups who have innovative programs or events to offer in Minden Hills between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010 can apply for a Minden Hills Cultural Foundation grant. Applications are available by emailing minden.culturalfoundation@gmail.com. The deadline is April 15.

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Minden Times and Weekender have a new look

Welcome to the new look of the *Minden Times*!

Readers will notice several changes this week, the biggest one being that we're a little bit smaller in length. The decision was made across the family of newspapers in the Sun Media chain. By having a uniform size among the papers, we reduce the amount of paper being wasted as the presses change from one size of newspaper to another.

To accommodate the new look, we've modified how we lay out the *Times*. We've changed the headline style and design to allow us to get in the same number of stories without having to reduce the size of the text of our stories. We know that many of our readers prefer to have larger, easier-to-read type and we are listening to their comments.

The change has also prompted us to take a fresh look at our Thursday publication, *Weekender*. Starting this week you'll find that it is dedicated to local people and events. For instance, on Thursday you'll be able to start planning what to do with the kids during the March Break by read-

ing our comprehensive list of local activities. We're also including the bowling and card scores that used to be in the *Minden Times*. Take a picture of an event in Haliburton County? Email it to us and we can put it in *Weekender*. Want to let readers know of something coming up? Write us a story about it. It's your paper and we invite you to help create its content.

There has been much bad news in the media lately about the impact of declining marketing revenues on large companies such as CanWest Global, CTV and Torstar. But if you read the small print you'll discover that community newspapers are still doing quite well. Of course we're all affected by the recession, but community newspapers remain strong because our ties to the community are strong. Some adaptations, such as the length of the paper, are necessary but they do not affect our commitment to being a vibrant reflection of community life. That's what makes us stronger together.

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Local news & events

Places for People is proud to sponsor a benefit concert by Rodney Brown, fresh from the launch of his new CD *North Land*. With 10 albums and 30 years of performing his songs, Rodney Brown is an award-winning singer/songwriter, who details the unique history of Northwest Ontario. His songs are filled with adventure and risk, triumph and heartbreak. You can read all about him on his web page at www.rodneymbrown.ca. He also has a music video on YouTube. The concert is March 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available at the Dominion Hotel in Minden 286-6954, or at the door. Proceeds go towards the development of affordable rental housing in Haliburton County.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services invites community residents to an information and feedback session concerning the clinical services plan recently released by the Central East Local Health Integrated Network. It represents the LHIN's vision of establishing "one acute care network."

• Minden Hospital boardroom Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. (please enter from McPherson St.)

Come out and learn more about this plan and its impact on healthcare for residents of Haliburton County. Community members who are interested in providing individual feedback on the clinical services plan may do so at www.centra-leasthlin.on.ca and clicking on "Clinical Services Plan."

Learning how to perform Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) takes little time and could help someone you love. A free public training clinics will take place on March 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Minden community centre. To reserve a place please contact Maureen Brown, Haliburton County EMS at 705-457-1616. There is a second course in Haliburton on March 19.



Algonquin

Public Notice Approved 2009-2010 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

Ontario Parks (MNR) has approved Algonquin Forestry Authority's (AFA) 2009-2010 annual work schedule (AWS) for the Algonquin Park Forest as of March 16, 2009. The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Pembroke District MNR office (Algonquin Park section), the Whitney Park office, the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke, and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 16, 2009.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as harvesting, road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur on the Algonquin Park Forest between April 2009 and March 2010. MNR has reviewed the AWS to ensure that activities are consistent with the approved Forest Management Plan. This is the last year of the 2005 Forest Management Plan.

Once forestry activities are complete, operational (tertiary) roads are decommissioned through water crossing removals and other access control measures. Beyond Park access points all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

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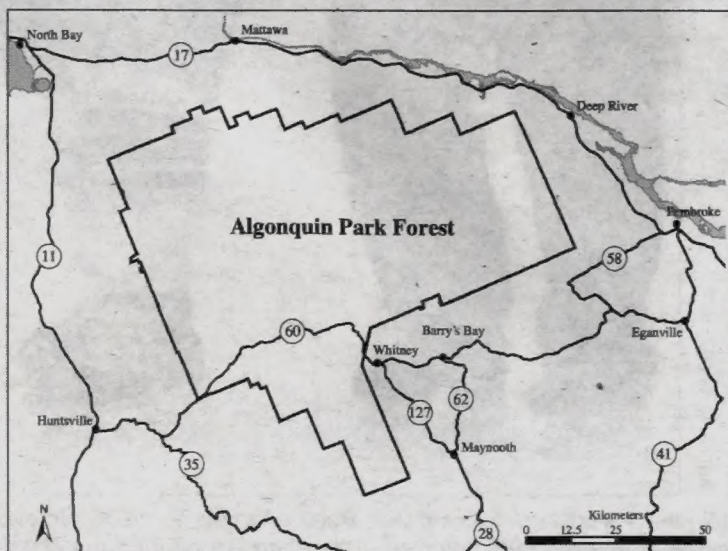
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The approved AWS and any subsequent revisions will remain available for public inspection throughout the one-year duration of the AWS. For more information on the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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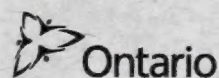
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School board wants to 'Be There' for students

March Break is coming

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This week's *Weekender* helps families plan what to do in the Highlands this March Break. Plus Sudoku, horoscopes, classifieds and coming events.





Voters decide Tory's future

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's here.
Tomorrow voters in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will hit the polls for a provincial byelection, one triggered by former MPP Laurie Scott's January 9 decision to abandon her seat to allow provincial PC leader John Tory a shot at carrying the riding.

But Mindenites are remaining mainly mum about their thoughts on tomorrow's byelection or the provincial party leader who could become this riding's next MPP.

A number of people speaking to the Minden Times on condition of anonymity earlier this week didn't have much to say.

"I'd rather not give my opinion," said one woman walking along Minden's Bobcaygeon Road on the afternoon of March 2.

While she wouldn't share her thoughts on the candidates, the woman said she did plan to vote in Thursday's byelection.

"I don't discuss politics, I just make up my mind and what I do," said one man.

Another man said that while he intended to vote, he was unsure of whom he would vote for and was unsure of Tory.

"He's not well-known around," he said. "I'm quite undecided yet."

Yet another man said he thought he was going to vote but didn't really think the byelection was necessary.

"I still haven't figured out why Laurie Scott left," he said.

While at first she said "no comment," one female respondent admitted that she was still unhappy over Scott's decision.

"I'm not very happy with Laurie Scott," she said, adding that she thought Scott's decision was unfair to the people of the riding and calling the byelection a waste of money.

At Tory's official nomination in Lindsay last month, Scott told supporters that her decision had been a difficult one to make, but that it had been based on the philosophy of her father — former area MP, the late Bill Scott.

"My father taught me about loy-



Former MPP Laurie Scott's decision to step down so her leader, John Tory, could run for a seat at Queen's Park has been the focal point of the subsequent byelection. There's speculation that if Tory doesn't win on Thursday he'll step down as leader of the Progressive Conservatives. /Jason Bain photo

alty to the party and to the leader," Scott said.

Meanwhile, candidates have been making the most of their last few days on the campaign trail.

Liberal candidate Rick Johnson held a roundtable discussion with provincial health minister David Caplan, education minister Kathleen Wynne and international trade and investment minister Sandra Pupatello in Lindsay during the weekend.

"As a local representative, I can bring results to this riding," Johnson said in a subsequent press release. "This riding deserves a representative who will stand with our residents and work with our residents beyond this campaign, after Election Day."

"Johnson has built his campaign on promises to create programs for seniors, improve rural transit, support local farmers, recruit more doctors and nurses to the area and revitalize the local economy.

Meanwhile, Tory continues to hammer away at Ontario's Liberal government.

"Small town and rural Ontario are the foundation of this province," Tory said in a recent press

release. "Yet time and time again, Dalton McGuinty had demonstrated a lack of respect and understanding for the needs of these communities by imposing blanket solutions and ignoring the concerns of the people who actually live and work here."

Health care has been a central issue in Tory's campaign, with pledges to bring an MRI machine to Lindsay's Ross Memorial Hospital and to maintain the obstetrical bed at Haliburton Hospital, which is in danger of being shut down.

Job creation and more protection for local farmers have also been key points in his campaign.

NDP candidate Lyn Edwards says she too will pitch in for local farmers.

"The McGuinty government is outright refusing to stand up for cattle farmers struggling with high costs and low prices," Edwards said in a recent release. "Cattle farmers need a partner in government to help them deal with the constant market risks they face. They don't need another broken program."

Steering the area through the

current economic crisis and ensuring that employment is created for middle-class families have been the flagship issues of Edwards's campaign.

Green candidate Mike Schreiner has been campaigning on the importance of local food, food safety and the adoption of environmentally friendly sources of electricity. Schreiner has attended a number of local events recently, including the Dorset Snowball last weekend.

The race also includes Freedom party candidate Bill Denby, Family Coalition Party candidate Jake Pothaar, Libertarian Paolo Fabrizio and independent candidates Jason Taylor and John Turmel.

As of February 26, an online poll by the *Times* showed Tory to be the favourite among respondents with 45 per cent of respondents saying they would support him.

Johnson was next with 38 per cent, then Edwards with 10 per cent and Schreiner with 6 per cent.

The remaining one per cent was split among Denby, Taylor and Pothaar.

Scott won't receive pension

Former MPP Laurie Scott will not be receiving a pension from the provincial government following her January 9 decision to vacate her seat to allow PC leader John Tory a shot at carrying the riding.

While rumours have been circling locally about just what sort of financial compensation Scott is receiving from the province, the former MPP said last week that she will definitely not be receiving a pension.

"There is no pension, provincially," Scott said.

She will be receiving \$100,000 in severance pay.

"It's severance for years worked," Scott said, explaining that had she sat more years in Queen's Park, the cheque would have been bigger.

"It's basically to help people adjust," she said, adding that all former MPPs, whether they are defeated in election, choose not to run again or resign, receive a severance from the province.

Scott is not abandoning politics. She has been named the PC party's new election readiness chair and will get to work in her new position following the March 5 byelection.

"I will be working for the party to get ready for the next election," she said.

Scott said her new gig would allow her to remain stationed in the riding, where she will continue to live.

"I'll still be around, assisting John in the riding," she said.

As to just who will be the party's candidate in this riding in the 2011 provincial election, Scott wouldn't say.

"We haven't decided that," she said, adding that if people wanted to see her back she would consider running, but that perhaps they would rather see the "next premier of Ontario" as their MPP.

Scott was first elected as the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in 2003.

Chad Ingram

Mother continues mission to make roads safer

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

One Minden mother keeps on trucking in her drive to get some sort of crosswalk established on Bobcaygeon Road near Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Riscylla Shaw says that, ideally, a three-way stop should be constructed at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street but even a flashing light or a courtesy crosswalk would do.

Shaw, a member of the school's parent council, says the intersection is heavily travelled by students on their way to and from the Minden arena and the cultural centre.

"People get hit there," she said, adding that one girl (who was left relatively unharmed) was hit by a car at the intersection in the fall of 2006.

"But it's not just the kids; it's for baby

buggies, seniors, whoever."

It was the 2006 incident that led Shaw on her first crusade for a crosswalk or three-way stop in the area.

Minden Hills council responded by hiring a consultant to conduct a traffic study of the area.

"The consultant came back with a report that said the traffic flow did not warrant a crosswalk," said Reeve Jim McMahon.

McMahon added that the township had created a community safety zone in that area, reducing the speed limit to 40 km/h and doubling speeding fines.

He said he would like to see an increased police presence in that area.

"It's fine for them to be there with the radar on the first day [of school], but there's days to follow," he said.

McMahon said he would be open to discussing the situation again, but said it would



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Riscylla Shaw and daughter Zelda wait to cross Bobcaygeon Road near Parkside Street. Shaw says the area should be outfitted with a three-way-stop or crosswalk since it is travelled often by Archie Stouffer students.

have to be a "joint venture" between council, the school board and the police.

On February 11, Shaw sent McMahon a letter asking that the issue be revisited.

"It is the responsibility of the official roads people to ensure that small children and baby carriages and cyclists and elderly folks and people walking their dogs and the rest of us have safe crossing of their roads," her letter reads. "As of today, there has been no visible sign of attending to such safety."

Shaw received a response from Minden Hills's road superintendent, Kevin Hill, dated February 18.

"I have been asked to respond to your letter and wish to state for the record that I feel the content of your letter is neither fair nor correct in that council has already reviewed this issues several times over the past years," Hill wrote before citing the

community safety zone that was instituted in the area.

"I believe the implementations made by council and this township pursuant to the recommendations of the consultant for that area have made a noticeable improvement," his letter reads. "I am sure if you have specific new concerns or ideas about this intersection/area in question, council and this writer would be happy to hear them."

Shaw also said that during a public meeting before the last municipal election, nearly all members of the current council expressed support for a safe crossing near the school.

"They've broken an election promise," Shaw said.

"I don't think I made any promises," McMahon said. "We said we'd look into the possibility of a crosswalk."

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"Mount Minden," the large hill located west of Hwy. 35 near the village's Home Hardware store, is the planned location for Minden's water tower. The first tender in the estimated \$1.9-million project was awarded to surveying company by Minden Hills council last week.

Tower power of choice

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council is wasting no time getting to work on the township's water tower project.

Last month the municipality found out it will be receiving more than \$1.6 million from the provincial and federal governments through the Building Canada Fund towards the infrastructure project and on February 26, councillors awarded the project's first tender to geotechnical surveying firm Jacques Whitford Ltd.

The company has offices in Bracebridge and Barrie, among several other locations in North America, and will perform soil testing on the proposed building site on Mount Minden, the large hill located just west of Hwy. 35, behind Minden's Home Hardware store.

The \$13,000 contract was awarded to the company following a recommendation from Peterborough engineering consulting firm DM Wills Associates Limited, which has been hired by the township to head up the project.

However, some councillors expressed dismay last week that they had not been provided with a list of companies that had applied for the soil-testing tender.

Councillor Bill Obee noted that if a contract is greater than \$10,000 that the township is required to get more than one quotation and reminded Minden Hills's chief administrative officer, Gerry Morrison, that he had requested to be provided with a list at a previous meeting of council.

"As a councillor, I have a right to see that information," Obee told Morrison.

Morrison said the township's property operations manager, Bob Romberg, had the information if councillors wished to see it.

However, Morrison also told Obee that no other Minden council had ever requested staff to provide a list of tender offers.

"That's just the facts," Morrison said.

Romberg was summoned to council chambers, but provided no list. Rather, he told councillors that since DM Wills had been hired to oversee the project, it seemed fitting that council follow the consulting firm's recommendation.

Romberg told councillors that staff had received a response regarding the tender on February 12.

"That's when we as council should have gotten it," Obee said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she was ready to move forward with the project. "We have department heads that I trust," Murdoch said. "I'm quite supportive and quite content that we go ahead with that."

Councillor Barb Reid, who, like Obee, was disappointed councillors weren't provided with a list of price quotes for the project, said she took exception to Murdoch's remark.

"There was never any suggestion that we didn't trust anybody," Reid said.

Reeve Jim McMahon said it was really up to DM Wills to choose a contractor for the tender.

"Does it matter who's up there working? No, as long as the bottom line comes in on budget," McMahon said.

With an estimated capital cost of \$1.9 million, the water tower is to stand 22.5 metres high with a holding capacity of 1,500 cubic metres.

McMahon said the township is currently in negotiations with a Mount Minden property-owner for the acquisition of 2.5 acres of land required for the project. McMahon said the negotiations are going well, but has not laid out a

South Beaver Lake residents want changes to their waterway

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While a number of seasonal residents on South Beaver Lake are requesting a speed limit be put on the body of the water, Minden Hills councillors voted on February 26 to defer their decision on whether to support the group's application to Transport Canada.

While Transport Canada is the ultimate authority on waterways, the group of property-owners must apply through the township for the changes.

The group, which initially made a presentation to council in the fall, would like to see a speed limit of 15 km/h established on the lake, as well as a law limiting the horsepower on any vessels on the lake to 15.

South Beaver Lake is near Clear Lake, south of Miner's Bay.

The property owners had presented council with a petition, signed by 22 of the lake's 30 property owners, calling on council to support the application.

At that time, councillors ruled to defer their decision until February to give any opponents of the proposed changes time to come forward, but no one contacted council.

Last week's deferral was based on a question of economics.

While the South Beaver Lake property owners had told councillors in the fall they would be willing to cover signage and any other costs, councillors wanted a letter confirming this before contacting Transport Canada.

"If it requires anything from us . . . then I'm against it," said Reeve Jim McMahon.

Councillor Barb Reid said council should be supporting the application.

"We're not by any means the decision-maker, we're simply a conduit," Reid said. "To not support it would be to block a legitimate attempt."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff had concerns about supporting the property owners and suggested that they look at other means of solving the problem of loud boaters on the lake.

"This might bring up problems with a lot of other lakes," he said, expressing his wariness to support the application.

Ratcliff also suggested that the cottagers form an official organization.

"We should be dealing with an association, not individuals," he said.

In response, Reid pointed out that cottagers' associations require incorporation and present costs for their members.

Councillor Bill Obee suggested that council use this opportunity to create a policy dealing with such applications.

No representatives of the South Beaver Lake property owners could be contacted.

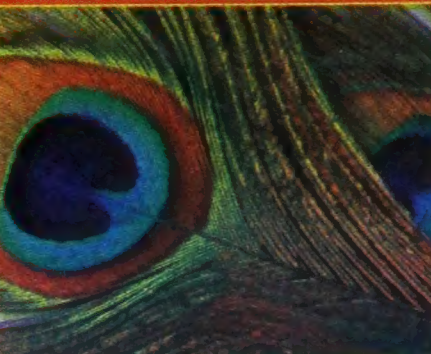


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While voting is often referred to as a right or a privilege, really, it should be viewed as a responsibility of every citizen of a democratic society who is of voting age.

And while the efficiency of our first-past-the-post electoral system can be debated, it sure doesn't help the system's functionality when only six out of every 10 qualified voters are casting ballots.

So, tomorrow, make your way to your local polling station and do your duty.

Councillors in right

During last week's Minden Hills council meeting, a verbal confrontation occurred when two council members requested to see a list of tender bids for a contract related to soil testing on the site of Minden's future water tower.

The two councillors who requested the list should not have been reprimanded by staff, nor had their trust in staff recommendations questioned, as they were simply doing their jobs.

Most of the township's taxpayers would probably prefer their elected officials to be reviewing lists of tender bids with scrutiny, to ensure a fair bid process.

And it is council, not staff, who should be steering the ship.

Chad Ingram

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Like clockwork

Photo by Chad Ingram

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Councillors shouldn't be endorsing MPP candidates

To the Editor:

Is it the proper for an elected councillor, i.e. Barbara Reid of Minden Hills, to write a letter to the editor encouraging voters to support the local Conservative candidate in the byelection? This is the same candidate who represents the same candidate who represents the party which did its best to ruin the education and health systems in Ontario. This is the same candidate who

was unable to persuade an elected member to step aside so he can have a seat. This is the same candidate who offered a cushy sinecure to a local, very popular member, thereby costing the province several hundred thousand dollars at a time when every dollar is needed.

Barbara Reid just lost my vote.

Ed Braithwaite,
East Moore Lake

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Sign out of line

To the Editor:

Rick Johnson's Liberal campaign team placed a sign on residential private property without permission from the owners. The owners are currently in Florida. Johnson's campaign office has been called four times requesting the sign to be removed. The campaign office personnel say they are working on it. It is not too hard to see the sign since it is one of the larger ones. We can remove it ourselves but we are not allowed to destroy it. What are we going to do with a 4' x 3' Rick Johnson sign?

He says he local. Maybe he can pick it up on his way home tonight.

L. Schlosser
Minden

Thanks, Kinsmen

To the Editor:

We would like to congratulate and thank the local Kinsmen Club for yet another very successful year of ice racing in Minden.

In these times when we are doing everything we can to draw tourists and dollars into this community, the Kinsmen Club of Minden has succeeded in doing just that. The racers and spectators come here every weekend for six weeks. We have enjoyed serving them and look forward to their return for another successful season next year.

Ed and Sue Yallop
Carnarvon

Frozen prose

YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED that the outside temperatures this week have been anything but balmy. Well, just so you know it has not been much better here in my home office.

Unfortunately, my computer desk, the place where all this magic happens, is surrounded on three sides by window-lined outside walls that face into the prevailing winds and then welcome them in. I suspect it was built on a polar ice shelf too.

The end result is that, no matter what we try, from applying exorbitant amounts of electric heat to stoking up the wood stove, we cannot raise the ambient temperature enough to encourage any meaningful amount of blood to flow to my brain. But you probably already figured that much out.

I'm not writing this to complain but rather to answer a question that has probably been plaguing academics the world over. That's right, I've finally figured out why

there are, as far as I know, no Inuit Nobel Prize winners for literature. It's too darn cold to write anything meaningful.

This is something I've always wondered about myself, especially since the Inuit live in such a dramatic countryside and possess such a rich and intriguing history and culture. The place ought to be rife with stories. Unfortunately, you can't type when wearing mittens. Besides, as far as I know, there are no power outlets for computers in igloos. That's why they don't have to plug in the fridge.

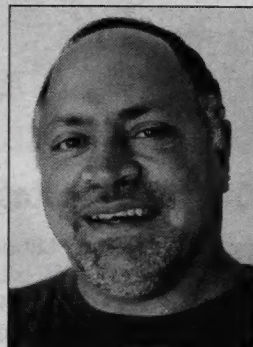
I suspect this is at least half the reason that northern peoples have a renowned oral storytelling tradition instead. The other half is poor high-speed coverage. At -60° Celsius, who wants to wait for a

dial-up connection? By the way, the frigid cold also probably explains the lack of Inuit centerfolds online. Not that I've searched.

There is reason to rejoice, however. Since global warming is practically all over us, I expect we'll finally begin hearing more original tales of northern culture. For instance, we might see a glut of books about the Titanic — only this time from the iceberg's perspective.

I might be a little off the mark on this, but I believe

there are about 342 words in the Inuit language describing cold. Heck, over the last few days, I've developed 24 on my own. If that's the case, northern writers will soon contribute words to the English language that can be misused



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

No news is bad news

hundred of my former colleagues in early February to keep itself viable.

CTV closes two television stations, offers another to the CBC for a dollar and is refused. The CBC, in turn, grovels for help in Ottawa.

The most important newspapers in Chicago and Los Angeles and Philadelphia declare bankruptcy, though they keep operating. In Detroit, the *Free Press* abandons newsprint for several days a week. There are staff cuts everywhere.

Denver loses a newspaper that won four Pulitzers in the past decade and its editor/publisher declares that the future of journalism is computer services that deliver only the news you care about.

In this world, you will no longer need to leaf through accounts of famine and wars or other irrelevancies if all you are interested in is stem-cell research and last night's scores. No longer will you

need to consider other points of view.

The horse is well out of the barn on that idea and the future the man in Denver sees is already the present.

If there happens to be a plague of locusts in Alberta, you can spend hours on the web reading everything there is to know about locusts in general and this plague of them in particular.

But if you have your life, and your laptop, programmed properly, you may live out your life without ever knowing such things as locusts even exist.

Holding a newspaper in

your hands, you might not read the locust story but it will be there in the corner of your eye and of your consciousness. Television forces you to sit through the locust story, even if you don't pay much attention to it.

And, sometimes, you might discover that something you hadn't even heard about that you now

and mangled by writers such as myself.

Even this astounds me. Heck, if my Mediterranean ancestors were displaced in an Arctic region, they would have developed a language consisting solely of different types of teeth chatterings, sniffles, and sneezes. It would be very similar to the noises I'm making now.

Yes, you've got to give the northern natives credit. As for this writer, I'm still trying to struggle through a column in the frigid wastelands of my office. I should point out, however, that it wouldn't be nearly as bad if my deadline were in the afternoon. Then, the sunlight comes through all those windows and warms this place up to relatively comfortable levels.

But no, my editor wants me to suffer for my craft. Apparently, it's good to empathize with your readers. Talk about cold...

I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

realize is important to understand.

The majority of Americans now neither read a newspaper nor watch the evening network news on a daily basis.

As for the Internet, a recent study found that Canadians who got their news there spent an average of 60 minutes a month surfing the news. That's two minutes a day.

Once upon a time, mass media, both print and broadcast, was seen as the devil incarnate, as a manufacturer of conformity.

Now I see that newspapers and television stitched our lives together, gave us a common narrative and a consensus of opinions instead of just what we wanted to hear.

Little newspapers like this one have the same power to bring a broad understanding of the truth of the uranium wars and the Stanhope airport and Minden's financial mess.

Instead we Twitter and Tweeter our way to a sort of truth, a truth that fits our preconceptions of the world, and we know more and more about less and less.

neilcampbell@xplornet.com



Sian Cox's "Winter Road" won first place in the Winter Scenery category.



"Enjoying the scenery" by Hilde Moraal placed runner up in the Winter Scenery category.

Winterfest Minden Photo Contest



Carol Sanio took runner up in the Winter People category with "Snowwoman."

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MARCH BREAK FOR KIDS



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MEETINGS & EVENTS	
March 12	COTW, Council Chambers 9AM
March 16	March Break Culture Club
March 26	Council, Council Chambers 9AM
March 27	Cultural Centre will be closed
April 1	Museum Stamp Launch-Museum Grounds
July 10-12	Haliburton County Sportsman Show

NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF MINDEN HILLS

Tax Rate for 2009
2009 rate will be .00332717
2005 rate was .00422262
Diff. = .00089545
On \$250,000 assessment you are paying \$223.85 less
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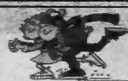
MINDEN ON THE MOVE REC PROGRAM

Soccer - Feb 19-Mar 27
Thursday & Friday-ASES- 3:30-5pm

MARCH BREAK.....

MONDAY 1-3:30 - Indoor Hockey
WEDNESDAY 1-3:30 - Volleyball
FRIDAY 1-3:30 - Open Games

Those who have not attended our recreational program but would like to join for the March break, the cost will be \$10.00 for the week. A healthy snack will be provided.
Call 286-1260 ext 222 to register



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Mar17 Minden Hills Firefighters Association
Mar 18 Rotary Club of Minden
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For information on becoming a sponsor call 705-286-1936

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WINTER SAND

will no longer be available at the Fleming Road-Roads Shed, effective immediately. Complimentary winter sand for personal use will be available in the parking lot at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

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HALIBURTON COUNTY SPORTSMAN SHOW July 10-12

For more information call 286-1936 or visit MindenHills.ca



Minden Hills Fire Department
is requesting all residents to
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2009 MARKS THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

of the founding of the community and we have a year-long celebration planned. If Minden is your home, or if the community enjoys a warm spot in your heart, we invite you to join us for the party...for more information, please visit www.minden150.ca.

ATTENTION

Any person parking on township maintained roadways during the winter months that prohibits removal of snow will be towed at the owner's expense.

FACT OF INTEREST

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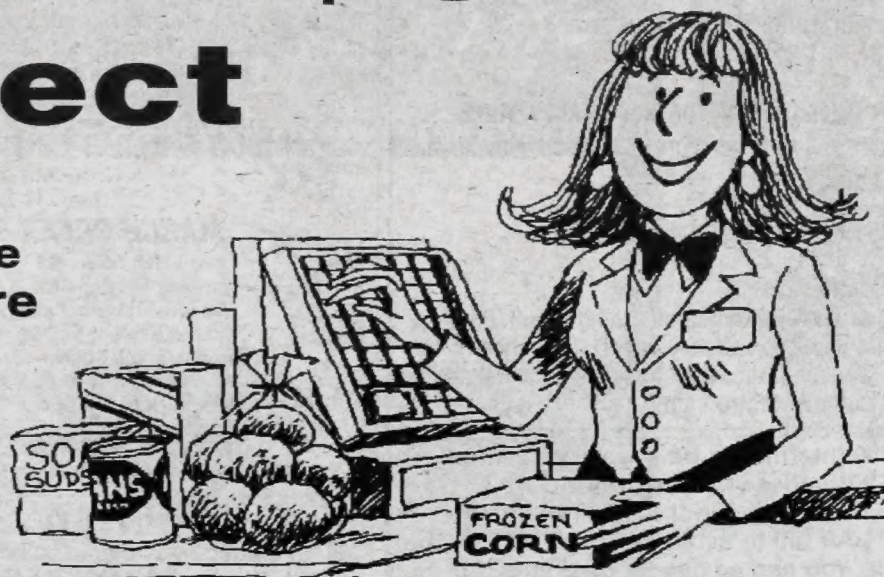
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Add a leaf to the poet tree

April is Poetry Month, and to honour this very special month, the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network is sponsoring a poetry contest.

Deadline: March 15,
Eligibility: Open to everyone; no entry fee required.

Send to: Poetry Contest,
Att: Pat Brown, Box 384,
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.

Prizes: Grand prize of \$100. Gift certificates for runners-up.

Submission guidelines:

- Poem must be previously unpublished; one submission per entrant only.

- Maximum length: 30 lines; any theme or topic.

- Send two copies of your work, with no identifying information other than title of poem. On a separate sheet, provide your name, address, phone number and title of the poem, and include a brief (four or five line) bio on this identifying page.

- Poems must be suitable for public display.

- Judges to be announced at a later date.

Winners will be announced, sometime between 9:30 and 11 a.m., during the HHWEN breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 4 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Following breakfast, participants will adjourn to R.D. Lawrence Place where, at 11:30 a.m., the winning poets will receive their awards and be asked to read their poems aloud. Substitute readers will be appointed should the winner or any runners-up be unable to attend.

All poems submitted will then be placed, for public display, on the "poet trees" in R.D. Lawrence Place.

Visit the HHWEN website at www.haliburtonwriters.ca for more details.

Visit our website: www.mindentimes.ca and read breaking news in our county



Algonquin

Review of Long-Term Management Direction, Algonquin Park Forest 2010 - 2020 Forest Management Plan

We Need Your Input

Do you...

- Have an interest in natural resource management in the Algonquin Park Forest?
- Want to know more about the proposed long-term management direction in the Algonquin Park Forest?
- Want to take an active role in the planning process and development of the Algonquin Park Forest Management Plan?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Ontario Parks (MNR), the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA), and the Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee invite you to review the proposed long-term management direction for the 2010-2020 forest management plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Park Forest. The proposed long-term management direction includes the proposed management strategy, which will provide for sustainability of the Algonquin Park Forest by balancing social, economic and environmental considerations, consistent with legislation and policy.

You will have the opportunity to review and comment on:

- Levels of access, harvest, renewal and tending activities;
- Preferred harvest areas and areas which could be reasonably harvested during the ten-year plan term;
- The analysis done of alternative corridors for each new primary road for the next twenty years.

Your comments and input will help us develop balanced and well informed decisions as we continue with the planning process. Any additional background information that you can provide us with would be greatly appreciated.

How to Get Involved

A summary of the long-term management direction, which includes a map summarizing proposed harvest areas and primary road corridors, has been prepared and is available for review on request. As well, values maps, which provide information such as fish and wildlife habitat features (e.g. trout lakes, heronries), park zoning and park facilities as well as many other features on the Algonquin Park Forest, are available upon request.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team at the Ontario Parks/MNR Office in Pembroke, by April 15, 2009.

The plan is being prepared by the following planning team members:

Gordon Cumming, RPF, Plan Author/Co-Chair, AFA
Joe Yaraskavitch, RPF, Park Forester/Co-Chair, Ontario Parks
Elizabeth McRae, Project Manager/Resource Technician, Ontario Parks
Keith Fletcher, RPF, Area Forester, AFA
Nancy Young, FMP Project Forester, Ontario Parks
Jim Murphy, Operations Leader, Ontario Parks
Brad Steinberg, Park Biologist, Ontario Parks
Beth Cragg, Park Planner, Ontario Parks
Tom Ballantine, Local Citizens' Committee
Chief Richard Zohr, Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation
Chief Clifford Bastien Jr., Mattawa/North Bay Algonquins
Robert Craftchick, RPF, Whitney Algonquins
Dave Joannis, Antoine First Nation
Emmett Godin, Algonquins of Greater Golden Lake
Steve Sarazin, RPF, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
Chief Randy Malcolm, Snimikobi (Ardoch) Algonquin First Nation
Irvin Yateman, Algonquin Nation Kijicho-Manito
Francis McDermott, Shabot Obaadjiwan Algonquins

The planning team members, the Park Superintendent, and the LCC are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and concerns.

A formal issue resolution process, as described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual* (2004), can be initiated upon written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available to the public in a summary form during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten-year plan.

Stay Involved

In addition to this opportunity to review, there are three other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan
Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan

June 1 - 12, 2009
October 1 - 10, 2009
February 1, 2010

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Joe Yaraskavitch at 613-732-5550.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice will be available at the AFA office in Huntsville and at the Ontario Parks offices in Pembroke and Whitney during normal office hours for a period of thirty (30) days: **March 16 - April 15, 2009**. As well, an appointment with the Algonquin Park Superintendent or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 613-732-5550.

For more information, please contact:

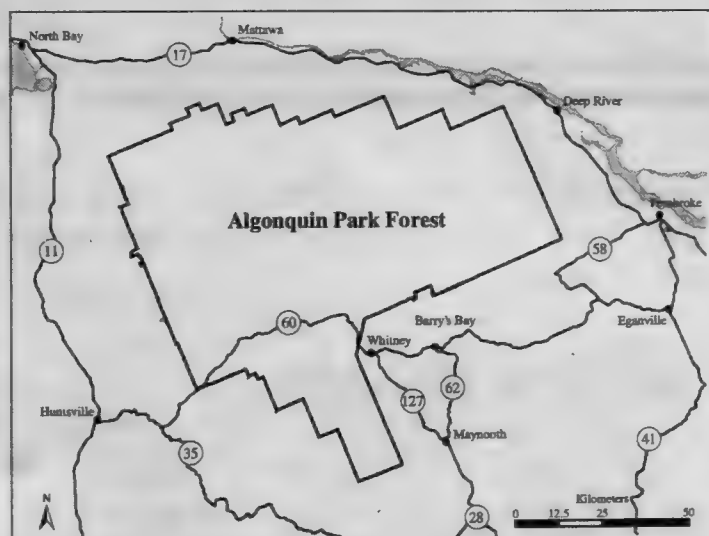
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Tom Ballantine, LCC
Haliburton, ON
Tel.: 705-447-3253

MNR is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about use of your personal information, please contact Kevin Hein at 613-637-2780, ext. 201.

Renseignements en français : Justin Peter au (613) 637-2828.



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PROVINCIAL BY-ELECTION IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF HALIBURTON-KAWARTHA LAKES-BROCK, MARCH 5, 2009

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TO VOTE YOU MUST:

- be at least 18 years of age or older on March 5 **and**
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- reside in the Electoral District of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock **and**
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To receive your ballot, you will be asked to state your name and place of residence and show proof of identity to the poll officials.

If you moved out of Ontario in the last two years, and resided in this electoral district, special rules may apply for you to vote. Call for more information.

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- at an advance poll voting location, or
- at your voting location on Election Day.

To be added to the List, be sure to have documents that prove your identity and where you reside.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

To find out where you vote, visit our web site or check your Notice of Registration card.

TIME TO VOTE

On Election Day, all employees who are qualified to vote are entitled to three consecutive hours to vote while the polls are open from 9 AM to 9 PM. If you have three consecutive hours of your own time available to vote, your employer is not required to allow you any additional time. If you do need time from work to vote, you must request the time from your employer who must allow it, but at a time convenient to the employer.

WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ME?

TTY for people who are deaf: 1.888.292.2312

Sign language: For a sign language interpreter when you go to vote, call the Canadian Hearing Society, Ontario Interpreting Services. Voters who are deaf-blind should contact their intervenor service.

Other formats: Get information about voting through VoicePrint, in Braille, on our web site in downloadable Duxbury copy, or call us for a CD.

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Pan Am Games could bring good things to Minden

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

What do Minden and the Olympics have in common?

While one might be compelled to answer "nothing," an architect who recently completed work on one of B.C.'s Olympic venues says an Olympic or Pan Am Games in Toronto could be a huge opportunity for Minden.

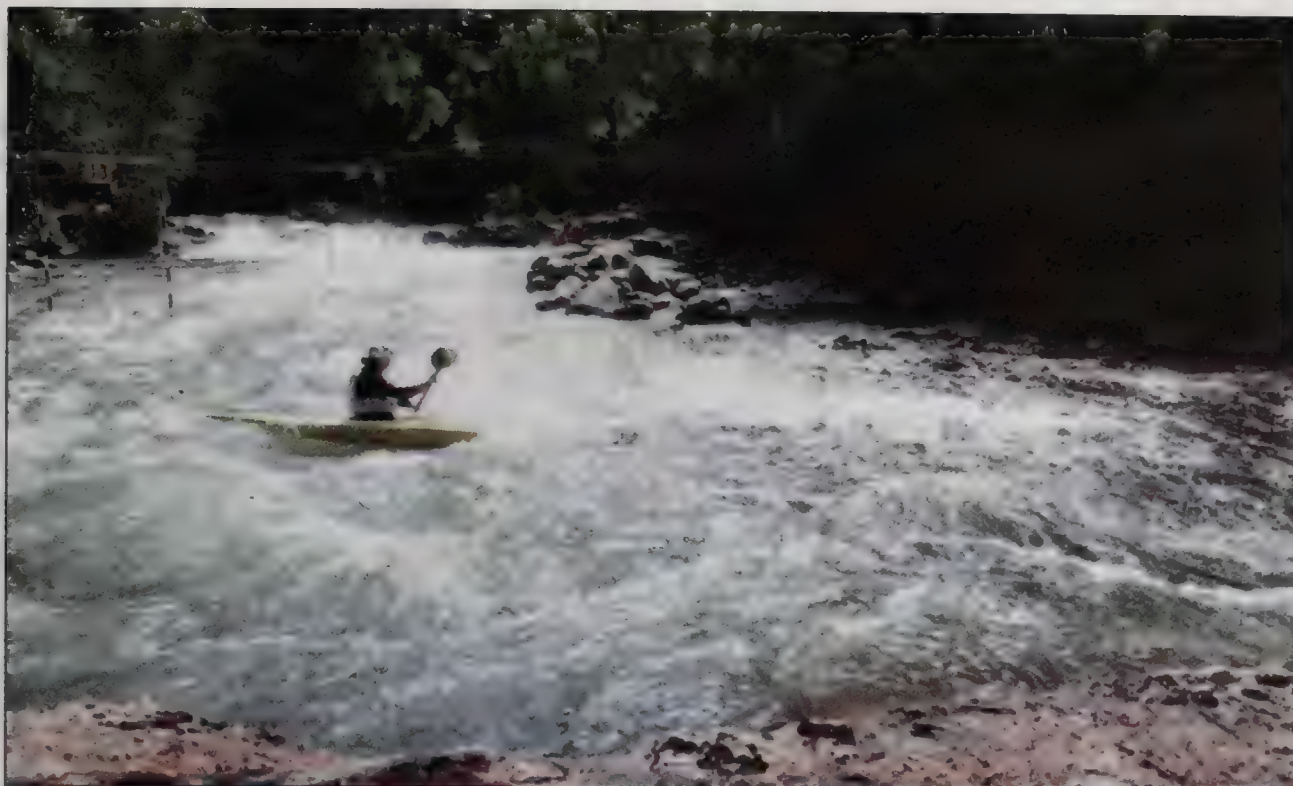
Bob Johnston of CannonDesign was the leader of the design team behind Richmond's Olympic oval, which will be the speed-skating venue for next year's winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Johnston spoke to a small audience in Minden council chambers on March 2 about not just the uniqueness of the oval, but also impact the seven-acre, \$178-million facility will have on the city of Richmond in the years to come.

"It's about public good," he said, adding that while the Olympics will undoubtedly be exciting, it will be the community sporting and cultural events that will take place in the oval in future years that are the real benefit for the city of Richmond.

"That's what the oval has been, it's been an opportunity," Johnston told a crowd of 15 or so interested locals.

"It's communities like yours that have that opportunity."



If Toronto is successful in getting the 2015 Pan Am Games, the slalom kayak and canoe races might be held at the Minden White Water Preserve. Bob Johnston, who designed a venue for the Vancouver Olympics and is helping Toronto with its bid, says that an investment of infrastructure at the Gull River site could reap long-term dividends.

Johnston said with Toronto's 2015 Pan Am Games bid, Minden will be considered as a whitewater location, just as it was during the city's bid for the 2008 Olympics.

Such an event would be a chance for Minden to create infrastructure that could stand not only as an example of smart growth principles, but also a new civic gathering place and a means of creating a healthier community.

"Sport is important to communities," he said.

Minden U-Links director Heather Reid wanted to know how a small rural community like Minden could take an idea like Richmond's oval and put it on a smaller scale.

"You don't take the scale, but you take part of thinking," Johnston responded. "That's your challenge and we can't give an answer, not tonight anyway."

Johnston said the point of his talk rather was to get locals thinking about opportunity.

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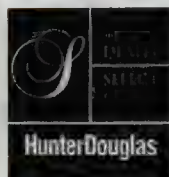
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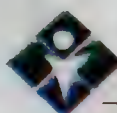
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CHAMBER NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chamber AM Breakfast

Don't be shy, come on out!

We welcome all Chamber Members for a fresh, fantastic \$5 breakfast at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Thursday, March 5th from 8am-9am.

Business & Community Achievement Awards

Saturday, March 21st at the Delta Pinestone Resort

Event Tickets: \$60, call our office to reserve!

Reminder: Nominations are needed... the deadline is approaching fast!

Ballet Boxes located at BMO, The Echo, and Cordell Carpet in Haliburton & The Times and Chamber Office in Minden.

News Flash

Tourism Stakeholder Meeting Re-cap

What a success that meeting was on Feb. 11th at the Wigamog Inn. Great speakers, open forum discussion of new ideas. Positive thinking of today's economy and what we can all do about it! Re-cap of the Meeting was sent out via email.

Membership Survey

Please be sure to fill out the 2009 Membership Survey sent to all Chamber Members via email this week. It only takes a moment... we want to hear what you have to say. Deadline for Survey: March 6/09. If you did not receive the form please call the office and we will have one sent to you as soon as possible.

Gala Trophy Tender to the Art Council

Congratulations and thank you to Tom Green of Glass Eagle Studio who provided the Chamber with an amazing piece for this year's trophy for Business & Community Achievement Awards. We will not show off this fine work until the eve of the event!

Membership Spotlight

Welcome New Chamber Members:

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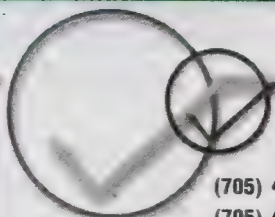
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Canoe FM's Paul Cameron bowled in support of kids.



Five-year-old McKenna Britton of Lochlin hopes for a strike with a little help from her dad, Peter.



Colleen Obyrne of Minden bowls for kids as a member of 'The Jocks'. This year's Bowl For Kids Sake theme was sports.

County spares \$9,517 bowling for kids

On February 28 members of the community gathered in support of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton for the 29th annual Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser. The Fast Lane bowling centre in Minden was host to hundreds who raised more than \$9,500 in support of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters in the county.

There were prizes galore from dozens of sponsors of the event. Minden's top fundraisers were Sheila Shaw with \$1,000, Bonnie Roe with \$472, and Vic Ballik with \$431.

Jim DeFlorio, the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton says the bowling fundraiser is the county's only source of revenue and that more big brothers and sisters are always required. To volunteer as a big brother or big sister call Jim at 705-324-6800 or e-mail jim@bigbrothersbigsisters.info.

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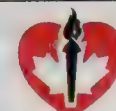


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Sports Briefs

Highland Storm Novice

The novice Highland Storm is on the ropes against Campbellford. After a 6-2 loss on February 28 and a 3-0 loss on March 1, both games in Campbellford, the Storm face elimination on March 6. Game three goes at 7 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena.

HHSS Curlers capture Kawartha champs

The HHSS boys curling team is the Kawartha champion for the third year in a row. Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker, and Owen Duhaime travelled to Fenelon Falls February 17, 23, and 25 and faced Norwood, St. Peter's, and Holy Cross in competition.

The boys made easy work of Norwood defeating them 9-3 after eight ends. Haliburton then edged out St. Peter's 6-5 after eight ends, and took care of Holy Cross 8-1 after only four ends.

As Kawartha champions the boys' advance to COSSA in Bancroft on March 9 where they'll take on three more teams in a round-robin tournament. Only the top team advances to OFSAA.

HHSS Nordic ski team competes at OFSAA

The Red Hawks Nordic ski team is back from OFSAA, held in Midland February 25 to 27. The Red Hawks returned without medals but gave everything they had to the competition.

As expected junior boys' Josh Wright, who hadn't raced his best at the COSSA race at Glebe Park, managed the best result finishing 32nd of 147 racers.

His older brother, Dan, finished in the top half of the senior boys division, 73rd of 154 racers.

Maddie Ferracuti and Claire Flatman represented the senior girls team. Maddie placed 45th and Claire placed 67th out of 148 racers.

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Missed goal determines fate of RiverKings

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the next night. And on Sunday night in front of a big and supportive crowd in Minden, the Bobcats finished off the RiverKings with a 6-3 win, ending the RiverKings's season and playoff hopes.

Head Coach Brooks Robinson weighed in on the game and the season.

"We had a tough year right from the get-go," said Robinson. "We didn't have a full camp, we didn't have a full roster of players all year. We didn't get a team, really, until the last third of the season."

But the small core of original players and new players that quickly fit in made the season and all the effort worthwhile.

"I couldn't be prouder because any one of those original core of players could have went home at anytime and they didn't. They stuck and we had a great year," he said.

Robinson praised the fans who came out week after week, even when things looked bleak.

"The fans that we have are awesome," said Robinson. "I love them and I thank them for their support."

While he acknowledges more could have been done to attract fans to the games, Robinson says game after game there were always plenty of familiar faces.

As for the last game of the year, "I think for most of the game we played pretty good, but we had a few breakdowns," he said. "And if you give those guys [Elliot Lake] an opportunity to beat you, they'll take it."

And that's exactly what the Bobcats did — but not until the third period.

The RiverKings began the game as they should by scoring the first goal. Halfway through the first period defenseman Calvin Northam received a pass at the point and slapped an off-speed shot that stayed on the ice and slid under the



Goaltender Andrew Selbie was outstanding for the RiverKings in the second half of the season. It took him a while to prove he was good enough to be the starter but once there he secured that role. Right: Brett Meyers skates in for a high-five from Matt Eno as the line celebrates their second goal of the game. The 6-3 loss to Elliot Lake ended their season.

Matt James photos



Bobcats' keeper.

With an early 1-0 RiverKings lead the barn was abuzz and for the majority of the period the two teams exchanged chances on breakouts. For a short time it looked as though the RiverKings might have enough in them to force a fourth game.

But as fast as one could think it, it all came undone. The power play was disorganized, players took senseless penalties and goaltender Andrew Selbie was once again forced to stand on his head to defend the net.

Down 3-1 halfway through the second period, the RiverKings weren't giving up as they mounted a comeback that started with an odd sequence in the Bobcats' zone.

Clean off the draw on three separate occasions RiverKings centre Matt Eno got the puck back to defenseman Matt Lytle. His first two shots the goalie stopped for whistles, but third times a charm and Lytle's last attempt found the twine, bringing the score 3-2.

Minutes later Eno and Brett Meyers displayed some fantastic passing, again in the Bobcats' zone. Meyers eventually spotted a pinching Bryar Hill coming in from the point and Hill wired one past the goalie tying the game 3-3.

But an Elliot Lake timeout, a hit from behind boarding

penalty on the RiverKings' Evan Beasley, and missed goal by the referees would be too much for the RiverKings to overcome.

On the ensuing power play after the timeout the Bobcats potted their fourth power play goal of the game for a 4-3 lead. They added another before the end of the second period for 5-3 lead.

Matters worsened for the RiverKings. Just as the intensity of their third period grew, the referees made one of their biggest mistakes of the year by missing a RiverKings goal.

"That call was an obvious one," said Robinson. "Everybody in the barn saw it [go in]."

Robinson felt the missed call was the evening's turning point in the wrong direction.

"I think if they had of counted that goal we would have won the game," he said. "Our momentum would have been going; they would have never got that next goal."

Instead the RiverKings became increasingly frustrated and halfway through the third period, with the game seemingly out of reach, things got ugly. RiverKings' Jeff Beall and Bryar Hill were ejected for fighting en route to the 6-3 final.

It was a fitting end to a well-fought season.

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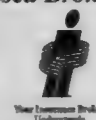
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The winning teams from the two draws were from Bobcaygeon, Omersee and Bracebridge with the overall winners from Minden. The CarQuest trophy is shown with skip Scotty Boyd on the left, vice Bruce Fisher, lead Dave Millington and second Bert Kennedy.

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She's just one of the boys

Fedeski one smooth skater

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Nestled between the driveway and wooded lot of the Fedeski residence just outside Carnarvon is a bigger-than-average home-made hockey rink equipped to the nines with nets, high boards, and lights.

Skating and shooting pucks are 12-year-old Julia Fedeski and her younger brother Joel.

Julia plays hockey on the PeeWee Highlands Storm, a team in the midst of pursuing an all-Ontario title in the Ontario Minor Hockey League. She also happens to be the only female on the team.

Julia doesn't really know how she got into

hockey, making it seem more like hockey found her. Even her first pair of skates were of the hockey variety, not the figure skates most girls her age were lacing up.

John Fedeski and Michelle Bromley say their daughter was three or four when she took her first skate. A couple years later she began to show interest in the game of hockey, along with some skill. The next step was only logical.

At the age of six or seven, right around the time the Minden Monarchs and Haliburton Huskies teams amalgamated to form the countywide Highland Storm, Julia donned her first hockey sweater with the Highland Storm Novice rep team.



Matt James/TIMES

One of Julia's best hockey assets is her smooth skating ability.

But she's a... girl

For Julia the novelty of being the lone female on her hockey team has long since past —assuming the young lady felt she was a novelty in the first place.

"She's played with the boys all the way up," said John, "so they're like a big bunch of brothers."

The band of brothers are not strangers in her life; they're recess rivals, classmates and friends.

"They've really bonded well over the years," adds John. "They're a closeknit group."

It's also perhaps why they team is just one series away from the All-Ontario finals. It seems the team possesses hockey's most elusive and non-forcible bond: chemistry.

Julia struggles to find anything different from her relationship with the boys from Novice through PeeWee. Now she just knows them better.

By all accounts her relationship with the boys has been, and is, seamless.

"There's no boy/girl issues at all," said Michelle. "In a different city centre there might be, but we're too small for it. It's a non-issue really."

There's also no trouble on the ice with other teams, especially when it comes to body contact. Not because she's well protected by her teammates (though she is) but because as much as she takes a hit, she can dish one out.

"She's as physical as the boys," says John.

But these kids are only 11, 12, 13 years old; surely they haven't developed that much.

"Oh yeah?" John says, eyebrows raised.

In the last round against Wasaga Beach, two opponents were already the size of an average man and almost as strong.

But Julia hasn't been exposed to the hitting aspect of the game too much. After her first year of contact in Atom the OMHA changed the rules so that hitting began in PeeWee and Julia played her first PeeWee year with the all-girls AA team, Barrie Sharks and all girls' hockey leagues nationwide are non-contact.

Now that's progress

Julia has played both the forward and defence positions. Her role on this year's Storm is defence "because of her skating abilities," says her dad. "She's a pretty smooth skater."

So when did she notice a change in her game, when did she notice her skills improving?

"Probably Atom," she said.

Her increased skill is in part due to her coaches along the way, specifically her first-year PeeWee coach with the Sharks, Greg Johnson, and Jamie Dollo with the Storm.

Dollo coached Julia in her first year of Atom and is her current coach.

"She's a solid defender and a wonderful person," he says.

When asked if she and the boys get along he said, "Absolutely. They're all friends. She's a teammate, she's no different."

The knowledge passed from coach to player can have a great impact on a player's performance. Julia's parents think she is pretty lucky to have had the coaches she's had.

Another influence has been the Fedeskis' neighbours, the McRaes. Basil is a former NHL player and journeyman and his son Philip plays with the OHL London Knights and is St. Louis Blues draft pick.

see JULIA page 21



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

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Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

NOTICE OF TENDER

REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROAD 21 CONTRACT NO. C21-13-09

Sealed Tenders, clearly marked as to content will be received by the County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 880, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0,

until 11:00 a.m., local time, on Monday, April 6, 2009,

as recorded by the County of Haliburton on the date and at the place of Tender.

The scope of work for this project includes the rehabilitation of County Road 21 from the Allsaw Bridge easterly for approximately 3.5 kilometres to Soyers Lake Road. Construction general includes, but is not limited to milling and pulverizing existing asphalt, removal and installation of culverts, base stabilization of approximately 450 metres of distressed roadway, supply and placement of granular materials, supply and placement of hot mix asphalt (HL 8 & HL 3), the construction of 1.2 metre paved shoulders and line painting.

The major construction items and approximate quantities are as follows:

Mill and Pulverize Asphalt	28,700 m ²
Supply and Place Granular Materials	8,500 t
Supply and Place Hot Mix Asphalt	9,000 t

Complete tender documents including specifications and contract drawings may be obtained from The Greer Galloway Group Inc., or the County of Haliburton at the addresses listed below, on or after March 9, 2009. A NON-REFUNDABLE payment of \$100.00, payable to the Greer Galloway Group Inc. is required.

Enquiries pertaining to this tender shall be directed to the Greer Galloway Group Inc., Attention: Mr. Garnet Greatrix, P. Eng.

The County of Haliburton reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, or to accept the Tender deemed by the County to be in their best interest.

The County of Haliburton
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Peterborough, Ontario K9J 3X1
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Julia loves the game

from page 20

Of course local hockey heroes Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson rank high on the list of Julia's role models as well. And hockey is always on at home.

"We watch a lot of NHL," said Julia, whose favourite team is the Pittsburgh Penguins and favourite players are Sidney Crosby and defenseman Dion Phaneuf.

Of Phaneuf she says, "I don't get to see him play very often because he's in the west, so they're on pretty late."

Awards and successes

Two years ago Julia and her Atom Storm brothers made it all the way to the All-Ontario finals, only to lose. So a big part of the reason Julia wanted to come back and play for the Storm again this year, and not go back to Barrie with the all-girls team, was for another shot at the provincial title.

The year the Atoms lost in the final Julia earned the Most Valuable Player award.

She believes this year's team has a chance to become provincial winners. "We have a lot of different skills levels, so all the different skills pushed together makes a good team."

In hockey jargon that's called depth, and without depth championships aren't won.

When asked how far into the future she'd like to play hockey she shrugged her shoulders, as if she hadn't really thought about it. Julia plays because she likes the competition and simply loves the game.

"It's been an incredible experience," said John. "The Storm has been fantastic. The coaches have been great; the organization has been great. Her teammates have been fantastic. You couldn't ask for a better experience."

On the backyard rink Julia and Joel skate about the ice, taking turns watching each other fire shots at the net. John says they often team up against him.

"And we beat you every time," said Joel with a confident smile.

"It's true," adds Julia.

Next season Julia will play in her first year of Bantam and will rejoin the all-girls Barrie Sharks, which she's excited about.

While she seems to have equal fun with both teams, she speaks like a budding teenager when she says, "but I sort of would rather play here because I don't have to drive as far."

Her comment earns a chuckle from her dad, who does all the early-morning drives to Barrie while Julia sleeps soundly in the back seat.

The PeeWee Storm went 17-0-1 in the regular season and is currently tied 1-1 against Tavistock in the best three-out-of-five semi-final series. Tavistock won game one 2-1 on February 28, but the Storm came and took game two 3-2 on March 1, both games in Tavistock.

The Storm has a chance to win the semi-final with two consecutive wins at home.

Watch Julia and PeeWee Storm take on Tavistock in Minden for game three on March 6 at 8 p.m. and game four on March 7 at 3 p.m.

If necessary, game five will be in Minden on March 8 at 2 p.m. and game six will be back in Tavistock March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Riverwalk great example of active transportation infrastructure

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors are being encouraged to help make Minden a healthier place to live and work.

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit health promoter Sue Shikaze and Kate Hall of Communities in Action spoke to councillors on February 26 meeting and encouraged them to adopt the health unit's Active Communities Charter and to institute an active transportation plan for Minden.

The charter asks communities to employ certain principles, such as policies that promote active living and planning decisions that put emphasis on accommodating active transportation.

"Riverwalk is a really great example of that," Shikaze told councillors.

Active transportation simply refers to modes of transportation that are self-propelled, such as walking, rollerblading or cycling.

"As Minden grows, it will be critical to connect the core to the periphery," Hall said, adding that investment in health infrastructure "leads to more visitors and healthier people."

She said that township could help make Minden a healthier village not just through funding, but also through volunteerism and conscious decision-making.

"It's about more than funding," she said.

Hall and Shikaze made no request for funding during their presentation.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff said he thought council had already adopted the charter.

However, Shikaze said that was a charter to promote walking, similar to, but different from, the Active Communities Charter.

"Certainly there's overlap in terms of principles," she said. "This charter is more far-reaching."

Reeve Jim McMahon wanted to know if a partnership with Communities in Action would mean an opportunity to apply for certain grants.

"Is there a separate funding formula?" McMahon asked. "We're in desperate need of sidewalk repair and sidewalk expansion."

Shikaze said she wasn't sure of the specifics but that it would likely be possible for the township to partner with Communities in Action on an improved sidewalk program.

Councillors thanked the two for their time.

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The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any County Roads during the Load Restriction Period.

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Doug Ray
Director of Public Works



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Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Cindy English, (705) 749-5520, Ext 1608 or Shelley Schell, (705) 457-1680 Ext 6730.

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**SEE PAGE 9 IN
TODAY'S PAPER**

Fishing derby will make splash on Big Boshkung Lake



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson

489-1397

pinereflections@sympatico.ca

For the competitive side in all of us this Saturday, March 7 is the date for the 10th annual Allan Thomas Memorial Fishing Derby. For the non-competitive ones it's a great day to get out and see friends and neighbours.

This derby is held at Big Boshkung Lake with Anglesey Road as a good entrance to the parking area. They will have signs placed for you to follow.

The entry fee is \$10 per person and funds collected will be used for the cash prizes of first, second and third place.

Hang on to your ticket stub because besides the cash prizes all entries will be eligible for a draw for any of the many prizes donated by local businesses.

Things to know: all ages are welcome, MNR regulations apply and definitely only one fishing line allowed per person.

The derby is between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and it looks like the weather will be co-operating. Unusual but true!

If you require more information please call Dave Cober at 489-3009 or Scot Carpenter at 457-6236.

Next, we have an important change regarding the Dala concert: Mark Christiano has had to re-schedule the concert for this Saturday night because one of the performers had been ill.

The door opens at 7 p.m. with the concert starting at 8 p.m. Dala have been in our area a few times and never disappointed! If you haven't purchased your tickets yet and would

like to go, contact Mark at thehairlounge9@gmail.com.

Don't forget to try their capuccinos and lattes!

To help you make the transition from winter to spring Kim Tustin, Sue Mills and I have planned something special.

We are presenting the world famous (not yet) Blooms & Brunch on March 29 from 10 to 3 p.m. at the Red Umbrella Inn.

Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by reservation only with an informal but informative gardening show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We have a guest speaker who will be doing a presentation on how to control problems with deer and other garden invaders.

There will only be a limited number of tickets sold so call and get your tickets early. For only \$15 you can join us for a blooming brunch by calling 489-2462 or 489-1397.

There will be door prizes and information handouts. Don't miss it!

Have a great week!

Career & Business Opportunities



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CMHA-Peterborough is a non-profit community based organization that provides case management and/or crisis intervention, and other support services for people who live with mental illness or a dual diagnosis. CMHA-Peterborough serves Peterborough City, County and the regions of Haliburton, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

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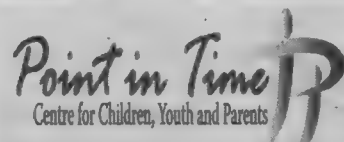
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Deadline for Applications: Friday, March 13, 2009

Please reference the specific posting # in your cover letter.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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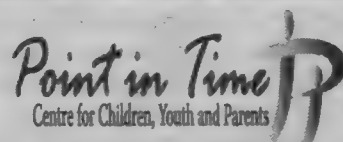
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Closing date: Wednesday, March 18, 2009



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DAY CAMP COORDINATOR
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Male and Female
SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP
COUNSELORS

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Counselors Employment Period:

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Daylight savings time is on its way this week



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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I'm not sure if March came in like the proverbial lion or lamb but whatever animal prevailed it was cold. There are a few hints of spring around the old farmhouse, not the least of which being the arrival of the first garden catalogue in the mailbox. The calendar notes the arrival of daylight saving time early in the morning of Sunday, March 8. This change, I thought, was originally designed to benefit the farmers but if so why does it not happen in prairie Saskatchewan?

Everyone is invited to the World Day Of Prayer celebration at area churches on Friday, March 6. Each year the service is prepared by the women of a featured country with Papua New Guinea selected for 2009. Here in Kinmount this annual worldwide event will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church beginning at 2 p.m. In addition to the service itself here is a special opportunity to learn more about the theme country, its people and culture.

There will be a dinner & Loonie auction Saturday, March 7 at the Galway Hall with happy hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Proceeds will go to the children's division of the Galway-Cavendish & Harvey Township library. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in advance by calling 488-2217 or at the door. Why not bring along family and friends to enjoy a delicious dinner while lending your support to resources for the children.

Calling all Irish or those who would like to be. The United Church Women of Kinmount United Church are hosting a St. Patrick's Irish stew dinner & Loonie auction on Friday, March 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 488-2129.

Planning for Kinmount's sesquicentennial is well underway with the kickoff on Wednesday, April 1 beside the Post Office at 11 a.m. On this date back in 1859, Kinmount became recognized as a town with the establishment of its post office and there will be cake to celebrate this historical marker. Other events and promotions will take place throughout the year including a spaghetti dinner & Loonie auction on Saturday, April 4 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Kinmount Branch 441, with items for auction having a Kinmount connection. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance by calling 488-2919. Remember that space is limited so call early.

Did you know that an estimated 91,000 tonnes of computers, monitors, printers, televisions and other electronic devices are generated each year in Ontario? With the current collection rate only 27 per cent, most of the remaining waste is going to landfills in Ontario or the U.S. or being exported to unknown overseas locations with unknown environmental and human health implications. Here is a notice to residents of the City of Kawartha Lakes regarding changes to its Electronic Recycling Program. Electronic devices are now being accepted at ALL landfill sites. Also, additional electronic devices will be accepted for recycling including monitors and televisions. Monitors and televisions will no longer be subject to a bulky item charge at landfills in C.K.L. but local residents should note that the removal of personal information from computers is their responsibility prior to disposal. For more information please contact Angela Porteous, Public Education Officer, Solid Waste Services at 324-9411 ext.1588.

Starting this week, card scores will be printed in the Weekender. However, during this first week of transition, last week's scores will not appear until the March 12 edition of the Weekender.

Coming Events

Dinner & Tunes

Friday, March 6th



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Water tower soon part of landscape
The new water tower for the town of Kinmount is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The tower will be 15 metres high and will hold 100,000 litres of water. It will be built on a 10-hectare site adjacent to the existing water tower. The project is being funded by the federal government and the town of Kinmount. The new water tower will allow the town to increase its water capacity and will improve the quality of the water supply.

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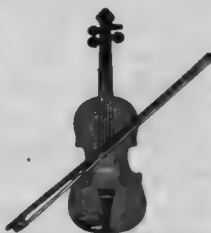
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Coming Events

**To advertise your
upcoming event,
call Molly
at 286-1288****MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN****It's Sugaring Off Time!****Open March 7th until April 26th
(Weekends only 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**

Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional family activities.

Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast from fresh baked bread, maple baked beans and complimented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area in many sizes and unusual styles. During your visit we offer many activities to enhance your stay and broaden your knowledge of this truly Canadian Tradition. Cheque or cash only.

**Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday
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community calendar

What's happening in Minden**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca****Having an event
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- March 6: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 6: Haliburton County Folk Society presents Winter Folk Camp at the YMCA Wanikita. For more information see www.winterfolkcamp.com.
- March 6: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 is having it's Karaoke Night starting at 9 p.m. - All Welcomed to attend.
- March 8: Haliburton Trail Riders, Annual General Meeting, at Gooderham Recreation Centre - Join us at 10 a.m. If you ride a Dirt Bike, then you should attend. Applications for access to Somerville Forest and The Haliburton Rail Trail for Off Road Motorcycles have been submitted. There is a requirement for a local off road motorcycle club to handle trail maintenance and stewardship duties. A new club has been formed to address these needs by the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders. For more information contact Ken at the OFTR, ken@oftr.ca or 705-447-3110, www.oftr.ca
- March 9: From Lullabies to Literacy starts Mon. March 9 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the Minden OEYC - For parents & children 0-6 years. Come for 6 relaxed afternoons to help your child to love books through activities, songs and stories. For more information or to register phone 286-4625 or with Point in Time at 457-5345 or email oeycparented@bellnet.ca Both the Minden OEYC and Haliburton OEYC will be open for regular hours during March Break for families with children 0 to 6 yrs old.
- March 12: OEYC Play and Learn visits the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - The only visit in March will be on Mar. 12 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Families with children from 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at

705-286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.

- March 13: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 Birthday and Anniversary Pot Luck Celebration - Starting at 7 p.m. Jam Session to follow at 8 p.m. All Welcomed to attend.
- March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - From 9:30 a.m. - noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- March 20: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 24: Have you had enough of winter? Join the Minden OEYC and go to the sunny south in March and learn to Hula dance and limbo! - Have fun dressing up as Hula dancers or sailing on the pirate ship. Please sign up for our Hawaiian Luau on the March 24. For more information please call 286-1770.
- March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events in the Highlands.

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Deaths

BACON, Grenville - Suddenly at home on Saturday, February 21, 2009. Gren Bacon of Stirling, formerly of Burnt River, at the age of 59. Special thank you to the Emergency Communicators, first responders, and the Stirling-Rawdon Police. Son of Marion and the late Albert Bacon. Beloved husband of Wendy Bacon. Father of Darian Bacon, Lindsay. Stepfather of Shannon (Glenn) Chilvers, Bassano AB, Ron (Monica) McCrory, Fort Francis, ON. Grandfather of Harleigh, Emmitt, Haley, Amy and the late Kallab. Brother of Nancy (Harvie) Howe, Lindsay, Virginia (Troy) Swanton, Hillsdale. Gren will be missed by several nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at **MONK FUNERAL HOME**, 6 Helen St., Bobcaygeon, (705-738-3222 or 866-393-0063) on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m. Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence and donations may be placed at www.monkfuneralhome.com

MARTIN, Gordon Jack - (Veteran of W.W. II) Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the age of 84. Dear son of the late Frederick and Jane Ellen Martin. Dear brother of Edna Martin of Toronto and predeceased by Irene Ryan, Violet May Andrews, Ronald Martin, Harry Martin and Kenneth Martin. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 11:00 am until the time of the Combined Legion Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung. Memorial Donations to the Camp Trillium (Camp for Children with Cancer and their families) or to the Masonic "Help to Hear Fund" would be appreciated. A Masonic Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday Morning at 11:00 am. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

Obituaries

In loving memory of **SWINSON, Loreen Mildred (née Bain)** (Formerly of Kinmount, Ontario) Passed away at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, February 27, 2009 Loreen Swinson of Bobcaygeon, formerly of Kinmount, in her 77th year. Much loved mother of Larry (Irene) Swinson of Bobcaygeon. Beloved wife of the late James "Jim" D. Swinson (d. 1977) and long time friend, John "Jack" Shedden (d. 1993). Loreen was predeceased by brothers Hector (Mary), Russell (Kathleen), Orville and sisters Muriel Bannon and Verna Sawyer. Loreen is survived by her brother Royce (Dorothy) Bain and sister Florence Waterson. Fondly remembered by her many friends and family. Family and friends will be received at Monk Funeral Home, 6 Helen Street, Bobcaygeon (705-738-3222 or 866-393-0063) on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 11 a.m. until service time in the chapel at 1 p.m. If desired, memorial donations to the Parkinson Society or Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence and donations may be placed at www.monkfuneralhome.com

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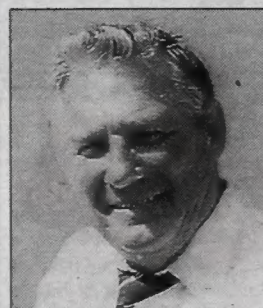


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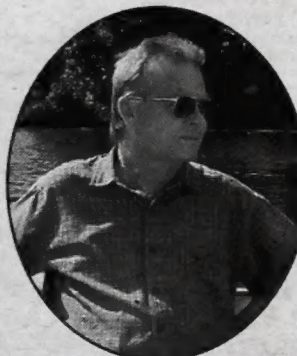
Marshall, George

Passed away peacefully on February 21, 2009 at the age of 84 at Aurora Resthaven. Predeceased by his beloved wives Yvonne (nee Laing) and Stella (nee Millway). Survived by children Sandra Legge (Mike), David (Pat), and Debbie Warren (Paul). Grandpa to Melanie, Terri, Shaun, Stephen, and Kate. Great-Grandpa to Nathan, Aidan, Logan, Chelsea, Mikaela, Madison, William, and Aaron. George was an avid sportsman and pilot extraordinaire, being chief flying instructor then general manager at Toronto Airways before retiring. George was a well respected member of his community and will be missed by many. A special thanks to all of the staff at Aurora Resthaven in particular for their care and compassion for George and his family. Friends may call at the Taylor Funeral Home, Newmarket Chapel (524 Davis Drive, 905-898-2100) on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. for a Memorial Service in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Aurora Resthaven would be appreciated by the family.

Obituaries

Card of thanks

Andris Suchovs



The Suchovs family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to a number of families. One in particular, the Shivjis. Andris was able to enjoy his last Christmas together with his immediate family thanks to the welcoming use of their home. A memory definitely cherished. The Mayhew's for their generous supply and stacking of wood, enough for the entire winter and then some. The Salvatori's for their dependable rides to Peterborough and to their support. To Marg Rideout and to Bill Martyn for their dedication in making sure Andris always attended his doctor's appointments, no matter the weather, time or distance. To the staff and clients of CIBC, for their genuine support and care during these past months. To Dr. Ferracuti and his outstanding nursing staff for their continuous, energetic care and affection. To the many, many others who have sent us flowers, donations, prayers, words of comfort, food, cards and telephone calls, we graciously Thank You.

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Fantastic 3 lake chain! This waterfront property has the WOW factor! Level, landscaped lot with rippled golden sand beach. Custom built 5 bdrm bungalow with open concept kitchen & living area with FP. 22'x13' screened-in sunroom. Large deck, 2 car attached garage as well as a 2 car detached garage. Call for more details. Call Fred Chapple



Bill Kulas
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\$238,000

DEEP BAY ROAD - MINDEN

Just listed! Make sure to check out this modern custom built 1200 square foot bungalow only minutes from town. Bright and spacious open concept design. Central heating and air. The extra large two car garage is all insulated and heated. Level and landscaped 1.5 acre lot. A must see! Virtual tour at www.BillKulas.com Call Bill Kulas



Denise LeBlanc
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\$259,900

ALMOST 5 ACRES CLOSE TO TOWN

Freshly painted & sparkling clean this spacious 4 bdrm home awaits you. Main floor features include master/ensuite, french doors off the living rm, mudroom entry & lg eat-in country kitchen/dining rm. Glass sliding doors lead you out to a lovely screened in porch & wrap around deck which make sharing time with family & friends in the pool tons of fun. The 4.8 ac lot provides good privacy is a nice mix of lawn and forest to enjoy visits from the local deer. Finally a bright full finished basement w/new carpet, family & rec rm tops off this great package. Call Denise LeBlanc

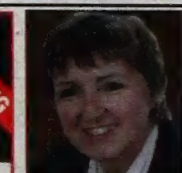
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MAPLE LAKE

Beautifully appointed home featuring cathedral ceilings & an open concept contemporary design throughout. The property is located on the southern shore of Maple Lake & offers a lg level & private lot lovingly landscaped. Soft natural light floods the house as you enter & flows thru each lg & sunny room. Built in 2000 to energy efficient R-2000 standards with a ton of upgrades. Call Denise today to view this lovely home. Call Denise LeBlanc

BEAUTIFUL HOME

2 km east of Kinmount. 3.61 acres, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 sunrooms, lovely upgrades, oak kitchen. Call to view
Call Lynda Litwin

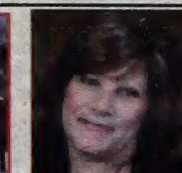


Lynda Litwin
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174,900

EAGLE LAKE

Starter Home or Investment property... You Decide Live on Upper level and rent out the basement. Minutes to Ski Hill, Golf, Beach & Shopping.
Call Karen Nimigon



Karen Nimigon
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.224

\$799,000

KUSHOG LAKE

Lovely home on Oliver Cres. Year round access. Level lot and sandy beach. Big rooms and huge kitchen with a separate formal dining room. Sauna off the family room in the walkout basement which has been finished. Attached garage. Huge deck overlooking the lake for great BBQ's and back yard get togethers. Call Tom & Gail Tempest

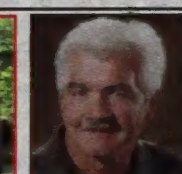


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GULL RIVER

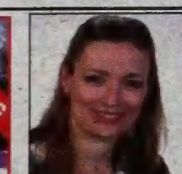
Just south of Moore Lake is this tastefully finished home - spectacular new custom kitchen plus island - rock elm flooring - w/o living rm to deck - gas fireplace - 3 bedrooms - main floor laundry - new furnace - guest cabin - heated garage - level landscaped lot - beautiful sand shoreline. Call Ted Vasey



Ted Vasey
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DRAG RIVER

Enjoy 4 season living, at this 3 bdrm. home. Extensively renovated featuring: new kitchen, new bathroom, propane fireplace, open concept with cathedral ceilings, wrap-around deck, great swimming and canoeing, hot tub and sauna. Call today for an appointment. Call Melanie Vigrass



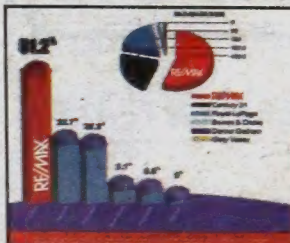
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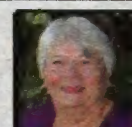
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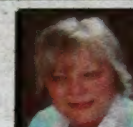
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